

HOUSE BILL 672

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-2-106; Section 2-2-112; Section 2-6-201; Section 2-6-202 and Section 2-6-204, relative to elections.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-2-106(b), is amended by deleting in the last sentence the language "the regular August" and substituting instead the language "a federal".

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-2-106(b), is further amended by designating the existing language as subdivision (b)(1) and adding the following as a new subdivision (b)(2):

(2) The address verification program implemented by a county election commission may accept any of the following as an indication that a voter has changed the voter's address of residence without notifying the county election commission:

(A) The return of mail sent by the county election commission to the voter at the voter's address of registration. The mail sent to the voter may include, but is not limited to, a non-forwardable verification card, a non-forwardable voter registration card, or a notice mailed pursuant to § 2-3-105 or § 2-5-211;

(B) Information from the United States postal service national change of address service (NCOA); and

(C) Information received from the coordinator of elections as a result of a comparison of voter registration addresses with the residential addresses of record with the department of safety. To conduct the comparison of residential addresses, the department of safety and the coordinator of elections may retrieve

the data applicable to the voter's address of residence and match the voter's registration address with data applicable to the voter's matching record with the department of safety. The coordinator of elections may obtain from the department of safety a list of all persons who have surrendered their Tennessee driver license when obtaining a driver license from another state.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-2-106(c), is amended by deleting the last sentence.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-2-112(a), is amended by deleting the language "Beginning" and substituting instead the language "On or before".

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-6-201(5)(A), is amended by deleting the subdivision and substituting instead the following:

(A) A person sixty (60) years of age or older when the person requests to vote absentee;

SECTION 6. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-6-202(a)(3)(D), is amended by deleting the subdivision and substituting instead the following:

(D) The last four (4) digits of the voter's social security number;

SECTION 7. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-6-204(a), is amended by adding the following as a new subdivision:

() If the election commission receives an application for an absentee ballot by email with an attached document that includes a scanned signature, then the administrator may send the notice of rejection by email with an attached document advising the voter of the reason for the rejection.

SECTION 8. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.